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Scottish Parliament

Tuesday 3 February 2026

[The Presiding Officer opened the meeting at 09:00]

Exports

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